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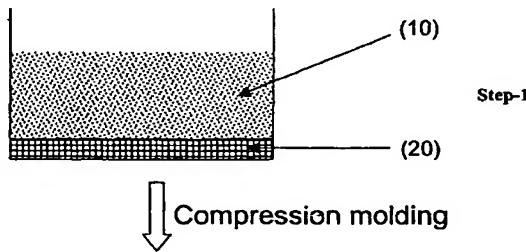
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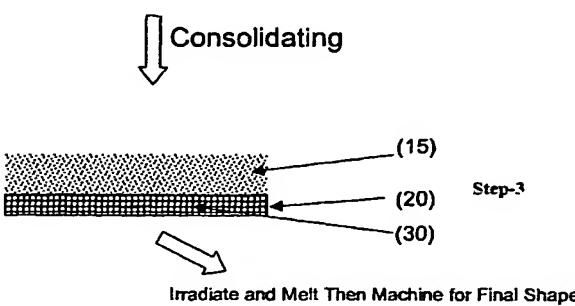
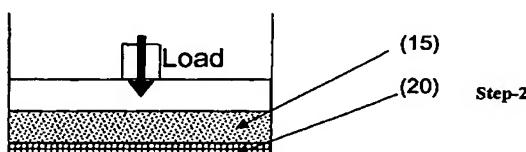
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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to medical implants that comprise crosslinked polyethylene (UHMWPE) (10) that is pressed into a consolidated form (15) in contact with another piece (such as a metallic mesh or back, a non-metallic mesh or back, a tibial tray, a patella tray, or an acetabular shell) (20) thereby forming an interface, and a hybrid component (30). Also disclosed herein are the methods of manufacturing and sterilizing such medical devices and materials used therein.



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